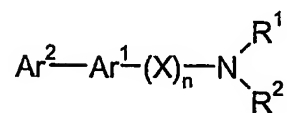


**What is claimed is:**

1. A compound of formula I or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



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I

wherein

$\text{Ar}^1$  is arylene, heteroarylene, substituted arylene or substituted heteroarylene, wherein a ring atom of  $\text{Ar}^1$  connected to  $\text{Ar}^2$  is separated from a ring atom of  $\text{Ar}^1$  connected to X by at least one atom;

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$\text{Ar}^2$  is aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl or substituted heteroaryl;

n is 0 or 1;

X is a divalent group that separates groups connected thereto by one or two atoms;

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$\text{R}^1$  is a monovalent  $\text{C}_{1-20}$  group comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from S, O, N and P;

$\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen,  $\text{C}_{1-10}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-10}$ acyl, substituted  $\text{C}_{1-10}$ acyl, substituted  $\text{C}_{1-10}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-10}$  alkylene, or substituted  $\text{C}_{1-10}$  alkylene, wherein said alkylene is linked to a ring carbon of  $\text{Ar}^1$ .

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2. A compound of claim 1, wherein

$\text{Ar}^1$  is an arylene, heteroarylene, substituted arylene or substituted heteroarylene, wherein a ring atom of  $\text{Ar}^1$  connected to  $\text{Ar}^2$  is separated from a ring atom of  $\text{Ar}^1$  connected to X by at least one atom;

$\text{Ar}^2$  is an aryl, heteroaryl, substituted aryl or substituted heteroaryl;

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X is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ , or  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-$ ;

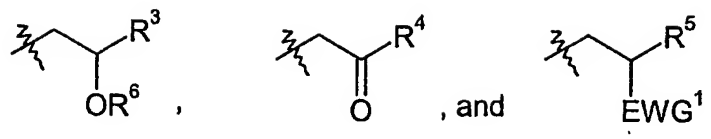
$\text{R}^2$  is  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl, substituted  $\text{C}_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-3}$  alkylene, or substituted  $\text{C}_{1-3}$  alkylene, wherein said alkylene is linked to a ring carbon of  $\text{Ar}^1$ .

3. A compound of claim 2,

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wherein

$\text{R}^1$  is selected from:



wherein  $R^3$  is optionally hydrogen, substituted  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_{5-12}$ aryl, optionally substituted  $C_{3-10}$ heteroaryl, optionally substituted  
 5 aryloxy- $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, optionally substituted heteroaryloxy- $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

$R^4$  and  $R^5$  are, independently, hydrogen, optionally substituted  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl, optionally substituted  $C_{5-12}$ aryl, optionally substituted  $C_{3-10}$ heteroaryl, amino group,  $-NHC(=O)-O-R^7$ , or  $-NHC(=O)-R^7$ , wherein  $R^7$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or aryl;

$R^6$  is hydrogen, optionally substituted  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, or optionally substituted aryl;  
 10 and

$EWG^1$  is an electron withdrawing group.

4. A compound according to claim 1, wherein

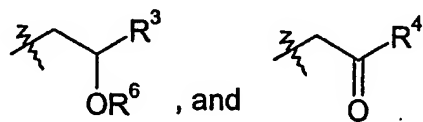
$Ar^1$  is optionally substituted *para*-phenylene, optionally substituted six-  
 15 membered *para*-heteroarylene, or optionally substituted monocyclic five-membered *meta*-heteroarylene;

$Ar^2$  is optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted monocyclic five or six-membered heteroaryl;

X is  $-CH_2-$ , or  $-CH_2-CH_2-$ ;

20  $R^2$  is  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl, substituted  $C_{1-3}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-3}$  alkylene, or substituted  $C_{1-3}$  alkylene, wherein said alkylene is linked to a ring carbon of  $Ar^1$ .

$R^1$  is selected from:

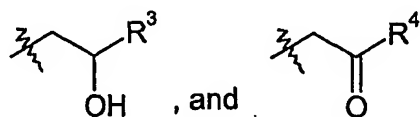


wherein  $R^3$  is optionally substituted  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl,  
 25 optionally substituted phenoxy-methyl;

$R^4$  is, independently, optionally substituted  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, amino,  $-NHC(=O)-O-R^7$ , or  $-NHC(=O)-R^7$ , wherein  $R^7$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or phenyl;  
 and

$R^6$  is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl.

5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein  
 $Ar^1$  is *para*-phenylene or *para*-pyridylene;  
 $Ar^2$  is a phenyl *ortho*-substituted with an electron withdrawing group, or a  
 5 thienyl *ortho*-substituted with an electron withdrawing group;  
 $X$  is  $-CH_2-$ ;  
 $R^2$  is methyl.  
 $R^1$  is selected from:

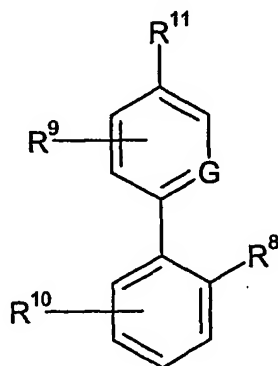


- 10 wherein  $R^3$  is optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted phenoxy-methyl; and  
 $R^4$  is  $-NHC(=O)-O-R^7$ , wherein  $R^7$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl.

6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein  
 15  $Ar^2$  is a phenyl *ortho*-substituted with  $-Cl$ ,  $-F$ ,  $-OMe$ ,  $-OEt$ ,  $-O-CH(CH_3)_2$ ,  $-CF_3$ ,  $-NO_2$ , or  $-CN$ ; or thienyl *ortho*-substituted with  $-Cl$ ,  $-F$ ,  $-OMe$ ,  $-OEt$ ,  $-O-CH(CH_3)_2$ ,  $-CF_3$ ,  $-NO_2$ ,  $-CN$ , wherein said *ortho*-substituted  $Ar^2$  is optionally further substituted at its non-*ortho* position; and  
 $R^3$  is phenyl, substituted phoxymethyl or substituted phenyl.

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7. A compound of formula II, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

II

wherein

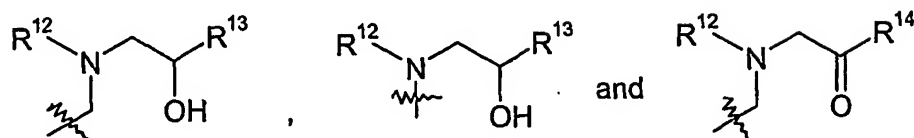
G is N or CH;

R<sup>8</sup> is selected from -H, -CH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -NO<sub>2</sub> and -CN;

R<sup>9</sup> is selected from -H and C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl;

5 R<sup>10</sup> is selected from -H and C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl; and

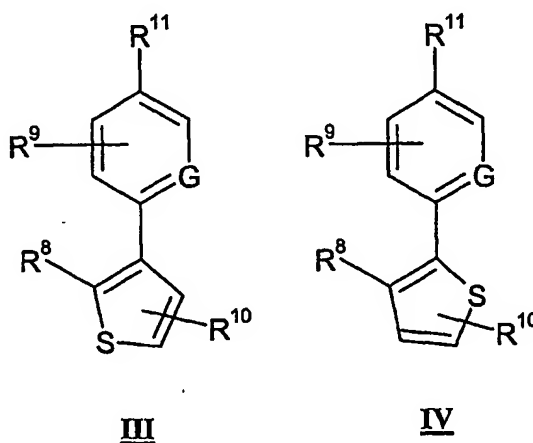
R<sup>11</sup> is selected from



wherein R<sup>12</sup> is H or methyl, R<sup>13</sup> is phenyl or substituted phenoxyethyl, R<sup>14</sup> is -NHC(=O)OR<sup>15</sup>, wherein R<sup>15</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl.

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8. A compound of formula III or IV, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



15 wherein

G is N or CH;

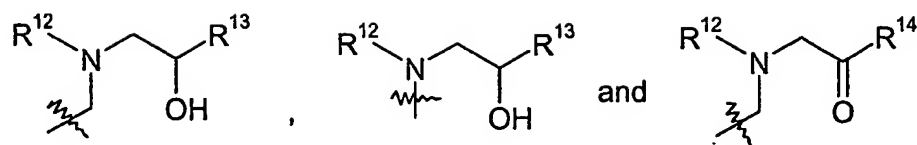
R<sup>8</sup> is selected from -H, -CH<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -NO<sub>2</sub> and -CN;

R<sup>9</sup> is selected from -H and C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>10</sup> is selected from -H and C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl; and

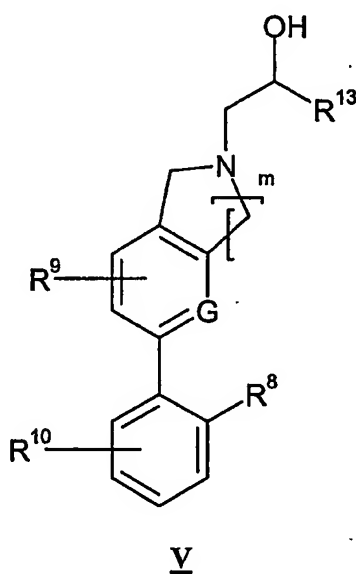
20 R<sup>11</sup> is selected from

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wherein  $R^{12}$  is H or methyl,  $R^{13}$  is phenyl or substituted phoxymethyl,  $R^{14}$  is  $-NHC(=O)OR^{15}$ , wherein  $R^{15}$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl.

- 5 9. A compound of formula V, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



V

wherein

- 10 G is N or CH;  
 m is 1 or 2;  
 $R^8$  is selected from  $-H$ ,  $-CH_3$ ,  $-CF_3$ ,  $-NO_2$  and  $-CN$ ;  
 $R^9$  is selected from  $-H$  and  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl;  
 $R^{10}$  is selected from  $-H$  and  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl; and  
 15  $R^{13}$  is phenyl or substituted phoxymethyl.

10. A compound is selected from:

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[(2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

- $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[Methyl-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
- 5 1-(3,4-Dichlorophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol;
- $\alpha$ -[(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)methyl]-3,4-dihydro-6-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2(1*H*)-isoquinolineethanol;
- 10 Ethyl [[methyl-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-acetyl]carbamate;
- 3,4-Dihydro- $\alpha$ -phenyl-7-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2(1*H*)-isoquinolineethanol;
- 1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]amino]-2-propanol;
- $\alpha$ -[(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)methyl]-1,3-dihydro-5-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2*H*-
- 15 isoindole-2-ethanol;
- 1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[Methyl-[[6-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-pyridinyl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
- 20  $\alpha$ -[[Methyl[(2'-nitro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
- ( $\alpha^1S$ )- $\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
- ( $\alpha^1R$ )- $\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[2-methyl-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

5 *N*-(2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-*N*-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]acetamide;

*N*-(2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)-*N*-methyl-2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carboxamide;

$\beta$ -Methoxy-*N*-methyl-*N*-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]-benzeneethanamine;

10 3,4-Dihydro- $\alpha$ -phenyl-6-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2(1*H*)-isoquinolineethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[5-[1-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1*H*-pyrazol-3-yl]-2-thienyl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol ;

15 1-[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[2',3'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

20  $\alpha$ -[[Methyl-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

4-Chloro- $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

1-[[2',5'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

$\alpha$ -[[[(2',5'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[4-(3-methyl-2-thienyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;

- 5 1-[4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)phenoxy]-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

1-[4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)phenoxy]-3-[[2'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-2-propanol;

- $\beta$ -Ethoxy-N-methyl-N-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]benzeneethanamine;
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N-Methyl-N-[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]glycylglycine, ethyl ester;

N-Ethyl-2-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]acetamide;

- 15  $\alpha$ -[(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)methyl]-3,4-dihydro-7-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2(1H)-isoquinolineethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[(2,2',5'-trimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

- 1-[[[2'-Chloro-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;
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4'-[[[3-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-hydroxypropyl]methylamino]methyl]-6-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile;

1-[[2',5'-Dichloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;



1-[[[4-(2-Chloro-3-thienyl)phenyl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

4'-[[[3-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-hydroxypropyl]methylamino]methyl]-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbonitrile;

5 1-[[[2'-Chloro-5'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[[5'-Chloro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

10 1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[(2'-nitro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

$\alpha$ -[[[4-(2-Chloro-3-thienyl)phenyl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

4'-[[[2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)methylamino]methyl]-[1,1'-biphenyl]-2-carbonitrile;

15  $\alpha$ -[[[5'-Chloro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[2'-methyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

20  $\alpha$ -[[[2'-Chloro-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

4'-[[[2-Hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)methylamino]methyl]-6-methoxy-[1,1'-biphenyl]-3-carbonitrile;

$\alpha$ -[[[2'-Fluoro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

- $\alpha$ -[[[(2',5'-Dichloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
- Methyl 3-[4-[(2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)methylamino]methyl]phenyl]-2-thiophenecarboxylate;
- 5  $\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[2'-(1-methylethoxy)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Ethoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[2'-(2-propenyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- 10  $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Cyclopentyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[5'-methyl-2'-(1-methylethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- 15  $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Methoxy-5'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-benzenemethanol;
- 1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-methyl-5'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[[[5-(4-Bromophenyl)-2-furanyl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- 20  $\alpha$ -[[[[5-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2-furanyl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[5-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-furanyl]methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

Methyl 3-[5-[[[2-hydroxy-2-phenylethyl)methylamino)methyl]-2-furanyl]-2-thiophenecarboxylate;

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[4-(3-pyridinyl)phenyl)methyl]amino)methyl]benzenemethanol;

1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)methylamino]-3-[4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)phenoxy]-2-propanol;

1-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

1-[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino)methyl]benzeneethanol;

1-(1,1-Dimethylethoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

Methyl 2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]propanoate;

( $\beta^1S$ )- $\beta$ -[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl)methylamino]-cyclohexanepropanol;

1-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-3-[[2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-Phenoxy-3-[2-propenyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

- 5 1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[1,1'-Biphenyl]-4-ylmethyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

- 10 1-[[2'-Methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-(4-Nitrophenoxy)-3-[2-propenyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

- 15 ( $\alpha^1S$ )- $\alpha$ -[[[2'-Methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

( $\alpha^1S$ )- $\alpha$ -[[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

- 20 (2R)-3-[[2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]-2-propenylamino]-2-hydroxypropyl butanoate ;

(2R)-2-Hydroxy-3-[2-propenyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]propyl butanoate;

Methyl 2-hydroxy-2-methyl-3-[2-propenyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]amino]propanoate;

1-(3-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

1-(4-Iodophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

- 5 1-(3-Fluorophenoxy)-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]-2-propanol;

Ethyl 4-[2-hydroxy-3-[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]propoxy]-benzenecarboximide;

- 10 1-[[2'-(2-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(3-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-(2-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-(2-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

- 15 1-[[2'-(2,3'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

1-[[2'-(2,3'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

- 20 *N,N*-Diethyl-4-[3-[[5'-fluoro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-3-methoxybenzamide;

Ethyl 4-[3-[[5'-fluoro-2'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]benzenecarboximide;

4-[3-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-*N,N*-diethyl-3-methoxybenzamide;

5 2-[3-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]benzamide;

1-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(3-methoxyphenoxy)-2-propanol;

10 1-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(1*H*-indol-5-yloxy)-2-propanol;

Ethyl 4-[3-[[[4'-chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]benzenecarboximidate;

1-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-phenoxy-2-propanol;

15 1-[[[4'-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

2-Fluoro- $\alpha$ -[[methyl[[2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

20  $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-2-fluorobenzenemethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Chloro-6'-methyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[[(2',5'-Dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-2-fluorobenzenemethanol;

4-Chloro- $\alpha$ -[[[(2',5'-dimethyl[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

$\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[4-(4-methyl-3-thienyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

5 1-(2-Fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-3-[[[3-fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-2-propanol;

1-[[[3-Fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

10 1-(4-Fluorophenoxy)-3-[[[3-fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-2-propanol;

$\alpha$ -[[[3-Fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

2-Fluoro- $\alpha$ -[[[3-fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

15 4-Chloro- $\alpha$ -[[[3-fluoro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

1-[[[2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

20 1-[[[2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;

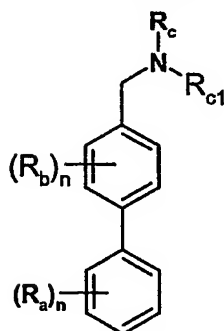
1-[[[2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-fluorophenoxy)-2-propanol;

$\alpha$ -[[[2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl]methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;

- $\alpha$ -[[[(2-Chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-2-fluorobenzenemethanol;
- 4-Chloro- $\alpha$ -[[[(2-chloro-2'-(trifluoromethyl)[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- 5  $\alpha$ -[[[(2-Chloro[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- 1-[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(2-fluoro-4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;
- 1-[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-nitrophenoxy)-2-propanol;
- 10 1-[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]-3-(4-fluorophenoxy)-2-propanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- 15  $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-2-fluorobenzenemethanol;
- 4-Chloro- $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]benzenemethanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[[(2'-Chloro-5'-methoxy[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-yl)methyl]methylamino]methyl]-
- 20 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenemethanol;
- $\alpha$ -[[Methyl[[5-[2-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-2-furanyl]methyl]amino]methyl]benzenemethanol; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
- 25 11. A compound according to any one of claims 1-10 for use as a medicament.



12. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 in the manufacture of a medicament for the therapy of pain.
- 5 13. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of immune cancer.
14. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of multiple sclerosis, vision  
10 impairment, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's chorea or Alzheimer's disease.
15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1-10 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 15 16. A method for the therapy of pain in a warm-blooded animal, comprising the step of administering to said animal in need of such therapy a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to any one of claims 1-10.
17. A method for preparing a compound of formula X,

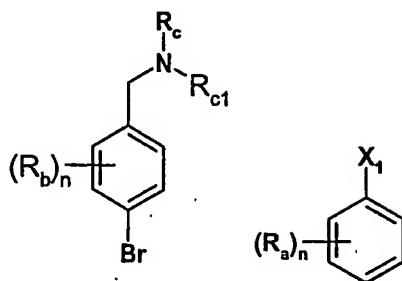


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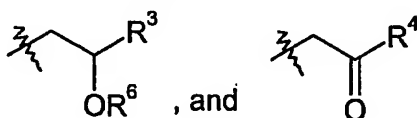
comprising the steps of

- a) reacting a compound of formula IX with bis(pinacolato)diboron in the presence of  $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ ; and

IXVI

b) reacting a product of step a) with a compound of formula VI to form the compound of formula X,

wherein  $R_a$  and  $R_b$  are independently selected from  $-H$ ,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $-CF_3$ ,  $-NO_2$ ,  
 5 and  $-CN$ ;  $n$  is 1 or 2;  $R_c$  is selected from:

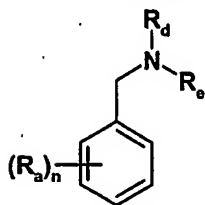


wherein  $R^3$  is optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted phenoxy-methyl;

$R^4$  is  $-NHC(=O)-O-R^7$ , wherein  $R^7$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R_{c1}$  is  $-H$  or  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl.

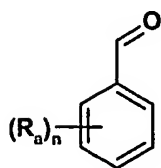
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18. A process for preparing a compound of formula XIII,

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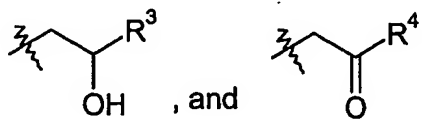
comprising the steps of:

a) reacting a compound of formula XI with  $R_dR_eNH$ ; and

XI

b) reacting a product of step a) with  $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$  to form the compound of formula XIII,

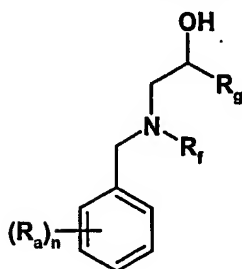
- $R_a$  is selected from optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl;  
 5  $n$  is 1 or 2;  $R_d$  and  $R_e$  are independently selected from  $-\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-3}$ alkyl,



wherein  $R^3$  is optionally substituted phenyl, or optionally substituted phenoxy-methyl,

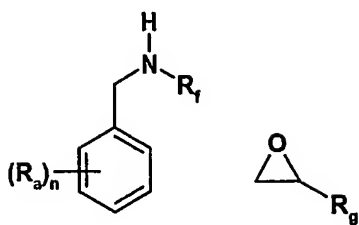
- $R^4$  is  $-\text{NHC}(=\text{O})-\text{O}-R^7$ , wherein  $R^7$  is  $\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; wherein at least one of  $R_d$  and  
 10  $R_e$  contains an oxygen atom.

19. A method for preparing a compound of formula XV,

XV

comprising the step of:

- 15 reacting a compound of formula XII with a compound of formula XIV,



**XI** , **XIV** ,

wherein  $R_a$  is selected from optionally substituted aryl and optionally substituted heteroaryl;  $n$  is 1 or 2;  $R_f$  is  $-H$  or  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl; and  $R_g$  is optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted phenoxyethyl.